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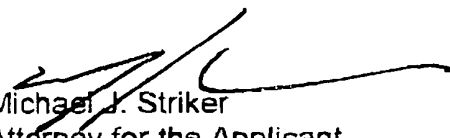
It is noted that the Examiner has not considered the Information Disclosure Statement of May 4, 2001 because copies of the references were not included with the Information Disclosure Statement.

However, the references in the Information Disclosure Statement were only those references mentioned in the PCT International Search Report. According to the Notification of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 dated May 15, 2001 (copy attached), the Examiner received from WIPO both the International Search Report and copies of the references. It is further noted that in any event the Examiner will consider the references cited in the International Search Report even without the filing of an Information Disclosure Statement. The Information Disclosure Statement was filed in order

to assure that the references would be printed on the face of any eventual patent.

A duplicate Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith, together with another copy of the references.

Respectfully submitted,



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